(a) whether any misappropriation of funds in Advance Level Telecom Training Centre, Ghaziabad has come to the notice of the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any enquiry has been conducted in this regard;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to avoid recurrence of such cases?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Cheques totalling Rs. 1.74 Crores were shown as cancelled in the Counter-foil of RBI/SBI cheque books, but were actually encased fraudulently. The then Accounts Officer (Cash) of Advanced Level Training Centre, Ghaziabad, the signatory of the cheques, has since been absconding from 7.2.1992.

(c) and (d). Preliminary investigations were made and an F.I.R. has been registered with the Local Police at Ghaziabad. The case has also been referred to CBI for further investigation in view of the seriousness of the case, and involvement of private persons. In the meanwhile 4 Gazetted Officers and 7 non-Gazetted officers have been placed under suspension of their suspected involvement in the fraud.

(e) Procedures have been studied. Instructions have already been issued to plug the lopholes noticed.

Delhi–Bagdogra Flights

4006. SHRI SUBRATA MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi–Bagdogra flights have been curtailed from daily to five days a week;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to make the flight daily again?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Frequency of flights on some sectors including Delhi–Bagdogra has been curtailed due to capacity constraints.

(c) No, Sir.

Food Processing Industries

4007. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR:
SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether various State Governments have sent to the Union Government proposals for setting up food processing industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c). Several State Governments have sent proposals to the Union Government for setting up food processing industries under the various Plan schemes formulated by this Ministry of 1991–92, details of which are given in the Statement. Action has been initiated on all proposals received.

STATEMENT

Meat Processing

1. Proposals from the Government of Assam, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh for setting up Poultry Processing plant have been received. Assistance of Rs. 62.5 lakhs as equity and Rs. 25 lakhs as loan released to Madhya Pradesh.

2. Proposal from Government of Assam for seeing up of Pork Processing plant for Rs. 100 lakhs as equity and Rs. 20 lakhs as grant-in-aid which has been released.

3. A proposal from the Government of U.P. for establishment of Meat Complex in the state has been received.

4. A proposal from Punjab Agro Industries Corporation has been received for seing up of buffalo meat processing plant in Punjab.

Fish Processing

Proposals received from the Governments of Kafnataka, Kerala, West Bengal and Lakshadweep for assistance under the Schemes for utilisation of trash fish and tuna and other fish processing.

Fruit & Vegetables Processing

1. Payment of grant-in-aid to Department of Horticulture, Government of Andhra Pradesh for setting up of infrastructure Development of Mushroom Lab & establishment of Processing uinits for Rs. 32.25 lakhs.

2. Request for grant-in-aid in the form of equity from Industry & Commerce (I.P.) Department, Government of A.P. for setting up of fruit & vegetable processing complex near Madanapulley & Kakinada being promoted by APIDC has been received.

3. A proposal from Girijan Co-op Corporation, Vizag received through Social Welfare Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh for financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid for production of commercial based mushrooms in the Eastern tribal areas of Andhra Pradesh has been received.

4. Proposal from Agriculture Department, Government of Bihar for payment of grant-in-aid for establishing a sprawned Lab and sprawned sub-strainght polypack production centre, for Rs. 4.65 lakhs.

5. payment of grant-in-aid to GAIC, Ahmedabad in the form of equity for setting up/establishment of storage facilities at fruit processing units at Gandhavi & Junagadh for Rs. 6.00 lakhs.

6. Payment of grant-in-aid to GAIC, Ahmedabad in the form of equity for a septic bulk packaging of fruit pulp for Rs. 18.20 lakhs.

7. Scheme for assistance for setting up of mushrooms & pickles making units, request from Rural Development Department of Government of Haryana received.

8. Request from Lakshadweep Government for financial assistance for utilisation of trash fish for conversion into value added product &

desiceated coconut project and coconut milk has been received.

9. Schemes for financial assistance from industries Department of Government of Mizoram for expansion of 7 upgrading of existing food preservation/establishment of another food processing plan/establishment of fruit & vegetable processing facilities has been received.

10. Proposal from Government of West Bengal for Central assistance for implementation of Pian Scheme of fruit & vegetable units (four locations) has been received.

11. Proposal from West Bengal Government for financial assistance for setting up a factory of tomato products by the manab Samiti has been received.

12. 4 schemes from Government of West Bengal for financial assistance for development of infrasturcture for mushrooms cultivation & processing in West Bengal has been received.

13. Proposal from Agricultural Department of Government of Orissa regarding establishment of Pickles manufacturing units by Orissa Agro Industries Corporation as a Joint Venture with M/s. Indana Food & Spices Limited for financial assistance has been received.

14. Proposal from Agriculture Department of Orissa Government for revival & expansion of CHATIKONA Fruit Processing Unit in Koraput Distt. of Orissa by the OIDC for financial assistance has been received.

15. Financial assistance sough by Agriculture Department of Orissa & Project Report on Tomati & Mango Processing in Keonsahar Distt. of Orissa.

Employees in News Division of Doordarshan

4008. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of causal, temporary, part-time and regular employees working in the News Division of Doordarshan; category-wise; and

(b) the category-wise number of persons belonging to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes among them?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). The various Doordarshan Kendras engage casual hands, temporary and par time employees for discharging various responsibilities in the news set up on a day to day basis depending upon their requirement. The information in respect of such employees is not maintained centrally in a compiled form. However, the details of the staff recruited exclusively for the work connected with news is given in the statement attached.